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REMARKS

Reconsideration and immediate allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the preceding amendments and following remarks. Prior to entry of this response, Claims 1-20 were pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 9, and 16 are independent. In the final Office Action dated May 6, 2005, claims 1-4 and 7-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,189,114 to Orr (hereinafter "*Orr*"). Claims 1, 9, and 16 were objected to for the use of the term "capable of." Claims 5-6 and 19-20 were objected to, but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

I. Prosecution After Final Office Action

In response to the final Office Action dated May 6, 2005, the applicant submitted an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 on August 5, 2005. In that Amendment, the applicant rewrote dependent claims 5 and 19 as new independent claims 21 and 22 to include all of the recitations of the base claims and any intervening claims and canceled dependent claims 5 and 19. The applicant amended claims 6 and 20 to depend from new claims 21 and 22. The purpose of these new claims and corresponding amendments was to obtain an immediate allowance that included at least claim 6, 20, 21, and 22 due to the Examiner's indication in the final Office Action that claims 5-6 and 19-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The applicant received an Advisory Action mailed on August 24, 2005 that stated that the Amendment filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 on August 5, 2005 would not be entered in part due to the additional independent new claims. Upon speaking to Supervisory Examiner John Barlow and Examiner Bryan Bui on September 1 and 6 respectively, it was determined that new independent claims 21 and 22 and corresponding dependent claims 6 and 20 as listed in the Amendment filed on August 5, 2005 would be allowable if submitted in a separate Supplemental Amendment that cancels all remaining non-allowable claims.

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II. Claim Amendments

By this Supplemental Amendment to the Amendment filed on August 5, 2005, the applicant has canceled claims 1-4 and 7-18. Claims 5 and 19 have also been canceled as stated in the August 5 Amendment. These Amendments leave only claims 6, 20, 21, and 22 pending. The applicant respectfully submits that these claims are in condition for immediate allowance.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's undersigned attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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